

Remarks

Claims 1 and 3-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3-9 are rejected. Claims 10-22 are allowed. By this paper, Applicants cancel claims 1 and 3-9 and amend claim 17.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 4-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,202,101 (*Cohen et al.*). Claims 1 and 4-9 have been cancelled to obviate this rejection. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Cohen et al.* Claim 3 has been cancelled to obviate this rejection. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Paper to the Deposit Account of Applicants' assignee, Ford Global Technologies LLC, Deposit Account No. 06-1510.

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